

**CHAPTER NO. 352**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1325**

**By Williams**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 804

By Goins

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-15-5004, relative to the jurisdiction of courts of general sessions in any county having a population of not less than twenty-six thousand one hundred (26,100) nor more than twenty-six thousand two hundred (26,200) according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-15-5004, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(\_) (1) Effective July 1, 1999, in counties of the fourth class having a population of not less than twenty-six thousand one hundred (26,100) nor more than twenty-six thousand two hundred (26,200) according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census:

(A) The general sessions court shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit and chancery courts over workers' compensation cases, divorce and all other domestic relations cases, mental health commitment cases, probate cases and cases involving decedents' estates.

(B) Regardless of the court exercising jurisdiction, workers' compensation cases, divorce and all other domestic relations cases, mental health commitment cases, probate cases and cases involving decedents' estates, shall continue to be filed in the clerk's office where such cases were filed on June 30, 1999.

(2) This subsection shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of any county to which it may apply. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the county legislative body and certified to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 28, 1999

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 14th day of June 1999

  
DON CONQUIST, GOVERNOR